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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - NOVEMBER, 1958

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole of State at 30th Sept., 1958 -

Males - 363,511

Females - 345,796

Persons - 709,307

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1958 -

Persons - 382,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	478	475	4,223	4,121
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.94	8.04	7.19	7.16
Births - Number	1,529	1,644	14,136	14,307
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	25.38	27.82	24.08	24.87
Deaths - Number	505	484	4,716	4,469
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.38	8.19	8.03	7.77
Infant Mortality) - Number	33	23	295	298
* Rate per 1,000 Live Births	21.58	13.99	20.87	20.83
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	2	2	22	27
Malignant neoplasms	74	68	735	702
Diabetes mellitus	6	5	50	60
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	13	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	73	59	579	496
Diseases of the heart	182	157	1,559	1,363
Hypertension with heart disease	8	13	139	129
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	8	46	57
Arteriosclerosis	15	23	111	122
Influenza	1	11	7	39
Pneumonia	18	20	174	173
Bronchitis	10	3	63	55
Other respiratory diseases	5	9	47	65
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	2	38	33
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	2	26	14
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	2	7	7
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	1	28	21
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	6	54	60
Disease of the prostate	4	9	41	52
Natural causes	1	2	8	7
Diseases of early infancy	14	14	168	179
Motor vehicle accidents	8	7	153	128
Other accidents	9	9	130	152
Suicide	8	11	85	82
All other causes	45	40	433	434
Total:	505	484	4,716	4,469

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, 1958, totalled 751,776 acres, a decrease of 73,206 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 3,877,128 acres, a decrease of 1,886,830 acres on the corresponding period of 1957.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended November	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,220,343	4,096,503	22,588,754	20,816,889
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 18. 10	5. 17. 6	31. 18. 1	29. 18. 11
Expenditure	4,777,043	4,629,862	26,325,992	23,946,107
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 14. 6	6. 12. 9	37. 3. 8	34. 8. 11

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance at the end of November, 1958, amounted to 68,319,652 or £96. 2. 7 per head of population as against 65,105,302 or £93. 4. 4 per head at the end of November, 1957.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 26th November, 1958, amounted to £15,217,910 compared with £16,632,169 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended November	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,449	1,675	8,320	8,620
	£.	2,119,443	2,979,415	12,801,042	14,016,237
Mortgages	No.	1,080	1,171	6,392	6,435
	£.	1,821,509	2,394,888	12,210,151	13,134,031
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	821	918	4,781	4,790

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
November, 1958	3,918,382	3,409,597	9,205,542	580,610
November, 1957	4,247,355	3,722,553	11,009,726	659,936
Five Months ended November, 1958	19,885,895	16,041,456	51,154,847	2,919,793
Five Months ended November, 1957	17,892,523	14,772,284	52,341,015	2,697,368

COMPANIES REGISTERED

94 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,173,350 and 52 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 116 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,996,000 and 48 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Five Months ended NOVEMBER					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	57	£. 329,495	£. 70,035	45	£. 106,833	£. 49,220
Deeds of Assignment (a)	44	259,024	244,345	46	174,672	154,603
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operation of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a)	£.	1,115,900	1,140,000	4,199,600	4,376,900
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,266,869	1,277,724	4,981,500	4,957,358
Train Miles Run	No.	653,807	626,272	2,466,183	2,492,470
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 96,505	(c) 110,089	(d) 382,663	(e) 416,169
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,230,707	1,209,940	4,970,038	4,918,778
Motor Bus	No.	21,048	26,423	93,093	100,462
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		263,505	269,597	1,009,315	1,078,099
Livestock		22,483	19,433	56,584	57,489
Departmental (Free Freight)		63,319	53,626	256,475	207,260
Total:		349,307	342,656	1,322,374	1,342,848
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		42,404,300	43,922,433	169,041,745	180,908,087
Livestock		3,122,174	2,682,079	7,949,099	8,140,912
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,553,161	5,533,167	24,743,386	22,905,812
Total:		51,079,635	52,137,679	201,734,230	211,954,811

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 11th October

(c) Four weeks ended 12th October

(d) Fifteen weeks ended 11th October

(e) Fifteen weeks ended 12th October

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1953	4,460	64	1,805	57	746	8,166	103	4,968	76	1,239
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958 -										
January	372	37	140	-	149	648	67	342	2	192
February	536	70	155	5	125	860	117	399	11	173
March	518	44	155	-	147	875	90	384	-	198
April	577	55	135	2	110	938	112	400	4	157
May	476	48	179	2	82	773	71	400	5	113
June	430	64	138	-	54	742	113	358	3	87
July	439	59	167	2	78	731	98	414	5	124
August	448	57	153	3	79	731	100	369	8	118
September	531	63	175	-	91	844	97	431	2	129
October	533	92	225	-	116	810	145	492	-	168

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
January	68,295	24,414	587	8,532	107,743	63,908	1,132	12,584
February	68,490	24,379	547	8,552	108,262	64,163	1,171	12,652
March	68,829	24,390	542	8,594	108,966	64,445	1,172	12,745
April	69,320	24,418	547	8,635	109,254	64,327	1,175	12,643
May	69,363	24,427	551	8,622	109,919	64,828	1,185	12,767
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
July	71,265	24,593	555	8,537	110,224	63,113	1,176	12,260
August	71,563	24,644	558	8,568	111,011	63,463	1,184	12,352
September	71,955	24,652	558	8,589	111,942	63,803	1,186	12,441
October	72,721	24,862	552	8,664	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

- (a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.
(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks
(c) Not Available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
Oversea	3,300	3,624	17,321	14,876	8,090	12,758	29,828	34,872
Interstate	10,722	9,128	35,019	31,837	3,760	2,742	11,740	13,573
Total:	14,022	12,752	52,340	46,713	11,850	15,500	41,568	48,455

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958 --										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488
Sept. Qr.	210	601	1,139	3,483	35	422	171	5,200	1,555	9,706

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

GOLD PRODUCTION

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	3078	2998	3064	2967	2746	2758	2725	2731
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3188	3222	3234	3187	2624	2663	2625	2639
Northam	3164	3111	3158	3093	2716	2716	2581	2701
Bunbury	3155	3091	3141	3136	2761	2786	2738	2785
Geraldton	3264	3238	3228	3222	2936	2962	2906	2943
Collie	3201	3199	3173	3186	2519	2539	2496	2526

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a) ('000)

Month	1957			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	138.9	44.2	183.1	139.0	45.3	184.3
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.9	182.9	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0	138.3	46.1	184.4
September	138.4	45.2	183.6	138.8	46.4	185.2
October	138.7	45.3	184.0	139.2	46.4	185.6
November	139.2	45.8	185.0			
December	138.9	46.1	185.0			

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	233
February	228	240	241	235	232
March	231	242	240	236	232
April	230	243	239	234	231
May	231	242	238	234	230
June	230	239	235	231	230
July	230	238	231	230	226
August	230	239	230	230	226
September	232	241	233	232	226
October	233	241	233	233	227
November	234	243	233	234	
December	233	242	232	233	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
27/10/58	£13. 13. 5	£8. 17. 9	£13. 13. 4	£8. 17. 8	£13. 11. 6	£8. 16. 6

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
October, 1958	12,706	803	117,367	194,639	17,857
October, 1957	7,210	546	69,269	141,606	18,001
4 Months ended October, 1958	64,373	2,913	347,385	370,653	67,937
4 Months ended October, 1957	50,941	1,963	210,508	332,727	64,420

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State
1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958 -										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April	514	208	193	99	707	307	7	7	229	144
May	656	202	218	85	874	287	4	13	271	125
June	560	191	221	73	781	264	6	5	262	95
July	775	187	240	82	1,015	269	6	7	282	111
August	514	176	184	92	698	268	10	14	221	126
September	517	143	185	73	702	216	7	4	223	113
October	594	158	175	84	769	242	5	5	211	130
Total Ten Months ended October	5,579	1,742	2,004	833	7,583	2,575	66	83	2,434	1,185

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS
(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	268	445	2,584	2,486
Bricks - Cement	'000	70	108	655	1,013
- Clay	"	7,230	10,015	42,005	47,457
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	110	128	567	704
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,011	2,313	10,218	12,215
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	26,492	30,981	125,875	131,453
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	469	668	2,308	3,432
Timber - Sawm (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	20,529(b)	18,631(b)	77,257(c)	73,095(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven (all types)	dozen	1,765	1,801	6,428	5,315
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	5,111	4,691	27,595	25,864
Sports Coats - Men's	number	314	483	1,429	1,940
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	53	83	347	576
- 2 piece	"	1,407	1,791	7,195	8,767
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,752	5,663	25,952	24,741
- Work	"	13,103	13,565	72,188	68,129
<u>Footwear (incl. Sandals and Slippers)</u>					
Men's and Youths'	pair	34,124	35,807	162,919	161,733
Women's and Maids'	"	33,343	30,932	142,175	103,837
Children's	"	18,228	22,361	86,185	94,822
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	626	621	2,691	2,864
Butter	"	1,892	2,053	8,988	10,660
Cheese	"	352	362	1,521	1,577
Sauce - Tomato	pint	53,993	60,914	324,545	357,603
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	624	891	2,374	3,385
- Sulphuric	ton	19,269	21,403	80,554	84,985
Coal	"	72,442	78,209	388,008	395,998
Cycles, Pedal	number	696	799	3,007	3,178
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	69,250	68,638	360,583	344,624
Gas Produced	million cu.ft.	114	115	643	632
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,612	1,180	8,138	5,870
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,827	2,360	13,936	11,396
- Woven Wire	"	1,153	805	11,193	11,821
- Soft Filled	"	3,110	3,004	14,506	15,402
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	30	7	94	46
Perambulators	"	65	82	331	347
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	8,108	6,843	33,921	32,554
Superphosphate	ton	52,692	58,366	221,008	234,751
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,398	2,581	10,168	10,911

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) October figures, November not available.

(c) Four months ended October.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	*24.7	*126.4	37.3
1956-57	*26.2	*11.3	*18.6	*17.6	28.1	*10.1	*7.5	*6.1	*30.3	*155.8	*49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.).

(c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

* Revised.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1957		1958										
		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	s. d. 13. 11	s. d. 24. 7	s. d. 36. 6	s. d. 35. 5	s. d. 41. 9	s. d. 28. 0	s. d. 21. 2	s. d. 12. 10	s. d. 13. 3	s. d. 11. 10	s. d. 13. 7	s. d. 14. 1	s. d. 19. 5
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2
- Val.	bush.	21. 6	21. 9	22. 4	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 5	30. 9	36. 7
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 4	1. 0	1. 3	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	57. 9	58. 7	-	-	18. 5	30. 11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6
- Other	bush.	63. 8	59. 8	31. 10	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41. 10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	29. 7	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	29. 4	28. 0	43. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42. 2
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	23. 2	28. 11	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	24. 11	20. 10	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	40. 10	19. 10	20. 3	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	31. 11	24. 11	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29. 11	-	-	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate \neq	s. d. 7. 1	s. d. 10. 6	s. d. 16. 3	s. d. 11. 6	s. d. 6. 4	s. d. 5. 10	s. d. 6. 10	s. d. 7. 0	s. d. 7. 3	s. d. 6. 1	s. d. 5. 2	s. d. 5. 2	s. d. 6. 0
Cauliflowers	dozen	9. 7	-	-	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8
Lettuce	crate	13. 6	8. 2	8. 2	12. 9	11. 10	12. 11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0
Table Celery	doz. head	9. 0	7. 5	9. 4	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10. 11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9. 10
Beetroot	cwt.	30. 4	64. 11	82. 6	62. 5	33. 2	34. 10	26. 1	32. 11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Carrots	cwt.	24. 3	19. 8	22. 0	29. 8	37. 11	33. 10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Parsnips	cwt.	28. 6	27. 8	30. 1	42. 0	50. 2	55. 11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	4. 0	6. 7	4. 3	7. 10	5. 2	5. 7	5. 11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6
Swedes	cwt.	28. 6	34. 1	42. 10	48. 1	40. 0	28. 10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Runner Beans	lb.	10	11	1. 1	9	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11
Peas	lb.	11	1. 5	1. 9	1. 10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1. 10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	2	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5
Pumpkin	bag	14. 9	17. 11	19. 9	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12. 11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30. 11	56. 8
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	32. 8	18. 11	19. 3	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28. 11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8
Onions (a)	ton	£. s. d. -	£. s. d. 31. 15. 0	£. s. d. 31. 15. 0	£. s. d. 36. 0. 0	£. s. d. 36. 0. 0	£. s. d. 36. 0. 0	£. s. d. 36. 0. 0	£. s. d. 36. 0. 0	£. s. d. 36. 0. 0	-	-	-	-
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	36. 10. 0	36. 10. 0

(a) U. A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W. A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

\neq 50 lb. crate.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1957		1958											
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>														
Suckers	3.13. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	
Lambs - In Wool	-	-	4. 0. 7	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	
- Shorn	3. 7. 7	3.17.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	
Hoggets - In Wool	-	-	3.13. 3	3.16. 5	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	
Ewes - In Wool	-	-	2. 6. 1	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	
- Shorn	1.17. 2	2. 2.10	-	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	
Wethers - In Wool	-	-	3. 1.11	3. 6.10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	
- Shorn	2.17. 9	3. 1. 7	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 5	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>														
Baby Beef	20. 5.10	28. 7. 7	28. 7. 1	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	
Heifers	30. 3. 9	32. 5. 0	33. 0. 0	33.10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	39.15. 9	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	
Cows	36.13. 6	34.18. 0	40.11. 9	40. 9. 2	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	
Steers	40. 0. 7	41. 2. 4	43. 1. 6	42.15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	
Pullocks	46. 6.11	44.15.11	43. 4. 0	-	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>														
Slips	3. 0.11	3. 8. 2	2.18.11	2. 9. 9	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 1. 0	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	
Porkers	7.11. 2	6.16. 8	7. 1. 0	6.19. 0	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6.10	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	
Baconers	12.13. 0	11. 9.10	11. 7. 4	11.14. 9	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	

